ect being constructed by Rajasthan State Bridge Construction Corporation;

(b) whether the State Government has now requested the Union Government to exempt the tiles/blocks to be constructed for the above project till March,1992 from the excise duty; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Exemption has been granted vide Order No. 11/91 dated 5.9.1991.

[*English*]

Floating of Project Specific Bonds by Maharashtra to Raise Resources for Irrigation projects

5926. SHRI RAM KAPSE:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had forwarded a proposal in January 1991 for according permission to float project-specific Bonds to raise additional resources required for accelerating the completion of the irrigation projects in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Yes Sir;

(b) As the total investible resources for the market borrowing programme, both for the Central and state Governments, are limited, there is no scope for allowing any additional allocation to Maharashtra Government over and above the market borrowing programme as already approved.

Alleged Irregularities in Chandni Chowk Branch of State Bank of Indore

5927. SHRI RAM BADAN:Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation by C.B.I. has been conducted into letters of credit to some exporters of Punjab amounting to rupees one crore through some bogus bills discounted by the Chandni Chowk, Delhi branch of the State Bank of Indore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount recovered up-to-date, the amount outstanding and the amount written off in each case;

(d) whether any accountability has been fixed by the bank in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Central Bureau of Investigation after looking into various allegations against State Bank of Indore, Chandni Chowk branch concluded that nothing worth registering a case could be found.

(c) Public sector banks are protected from disclosing information relating to individual constituents including the amounts of bad debts written off and the accounts in which they are written off.

(d) and (e). In the case reported above, the bank held Departmental Enquiries and five officers were found responsible for procedural irregularities. One officer had already been removed from service in another case. The remaining officers were issued administrative warnings.

Sinking of Fishing Boat at Vizag Port

5928. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some fishing boats sank at Vizag Port recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the loss of human life and property caused as a result thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sri.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Visit of World Bank Team to Calcutta and Haldia Docks

5929. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank team visited India during the second week of August, 1991 to study the working of Calcutta and Haldia docks;

(b) if so, whether the team has since submitted its report to the World Bank and the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The report of the Team is awaited.

[*English*]

Jewellery Industry.

5930. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the jewellery industry has been earning huge foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three financial years;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate some policy for 100 per cent export oriented units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, the export of gold jewellery during the last three years was as below:-